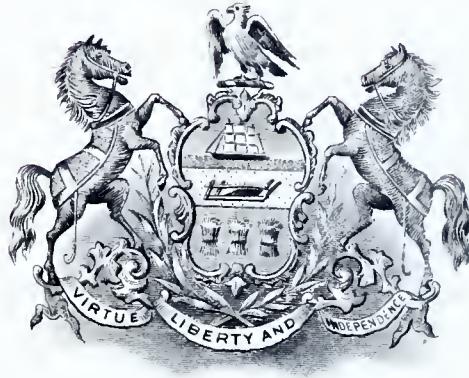


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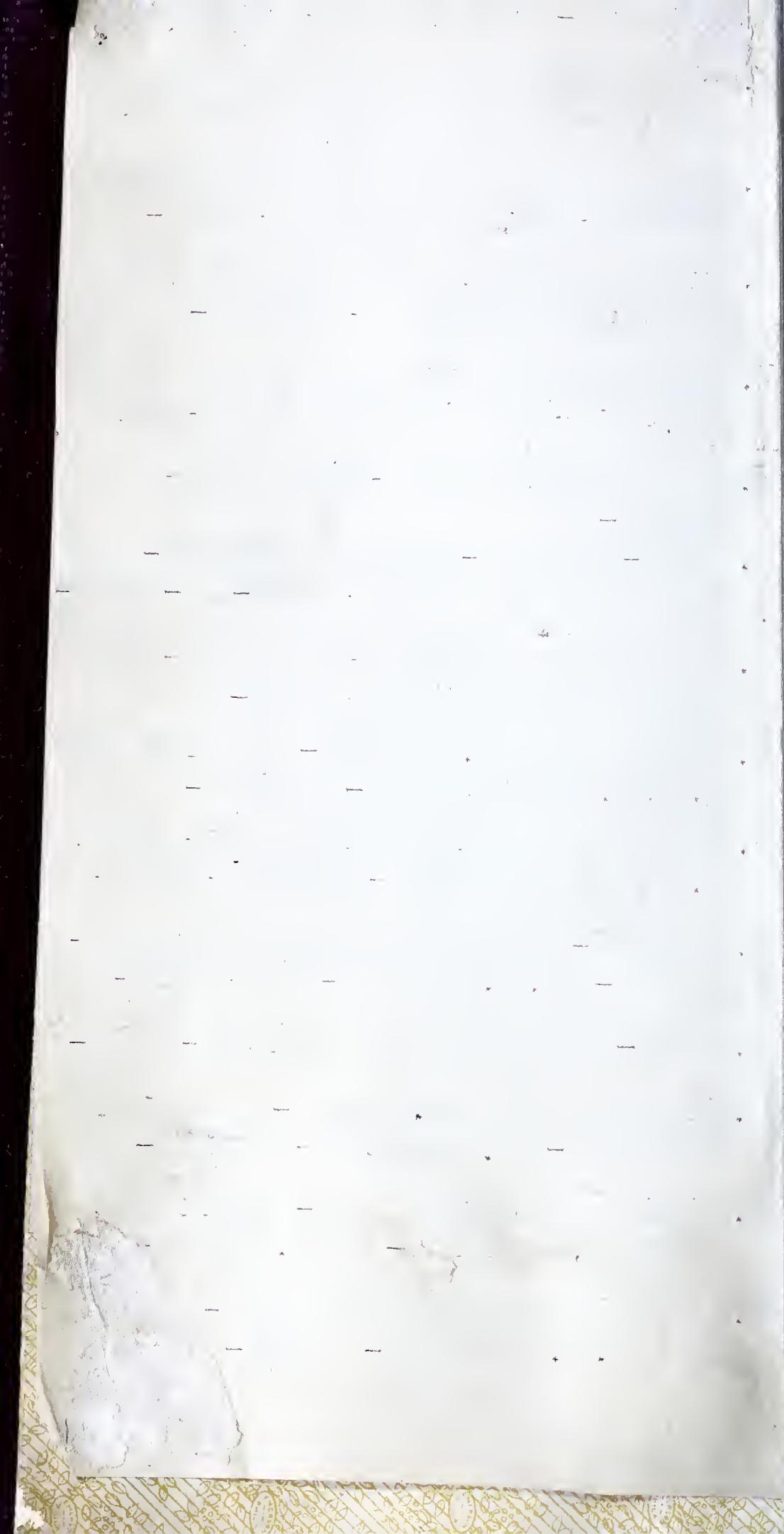
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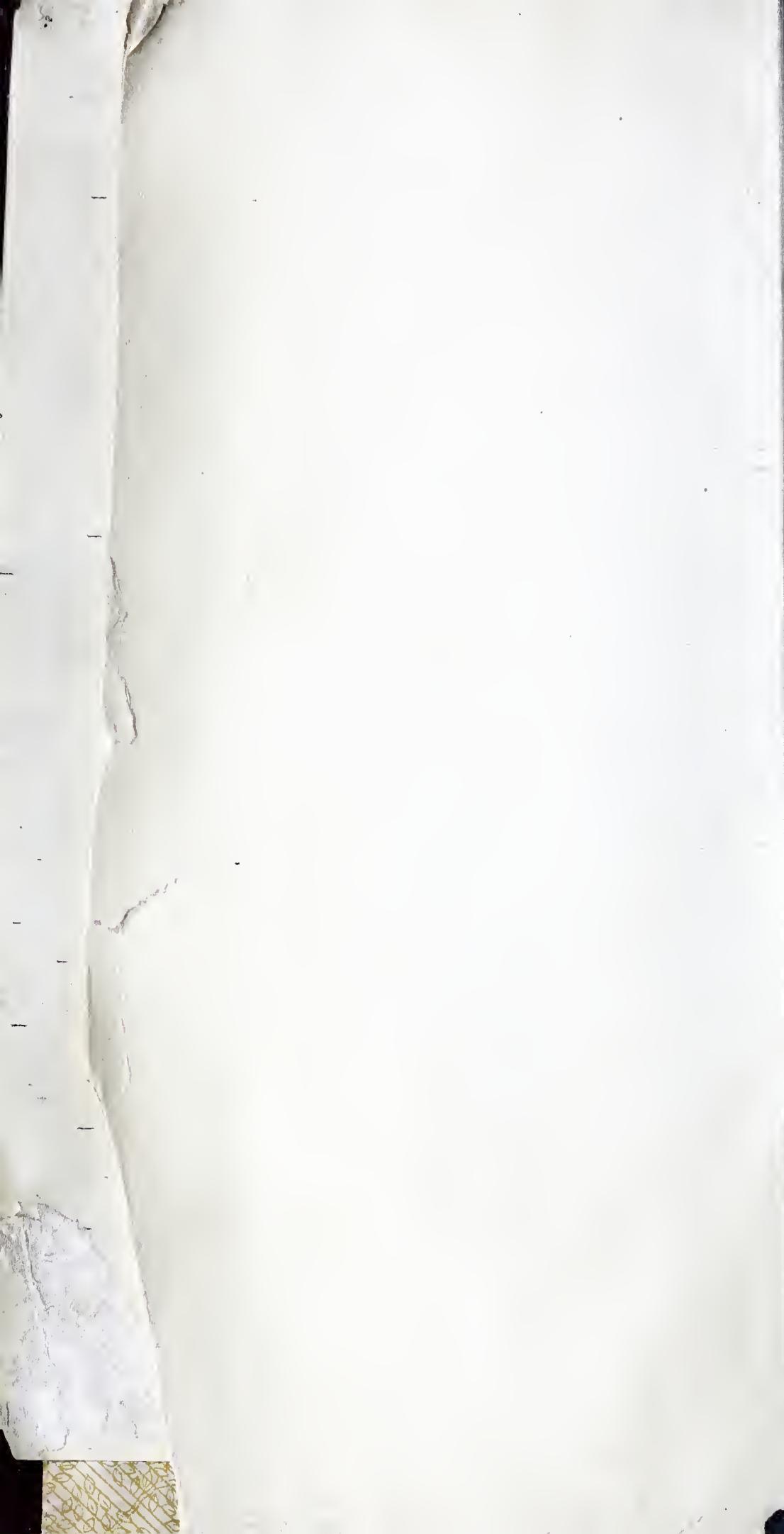
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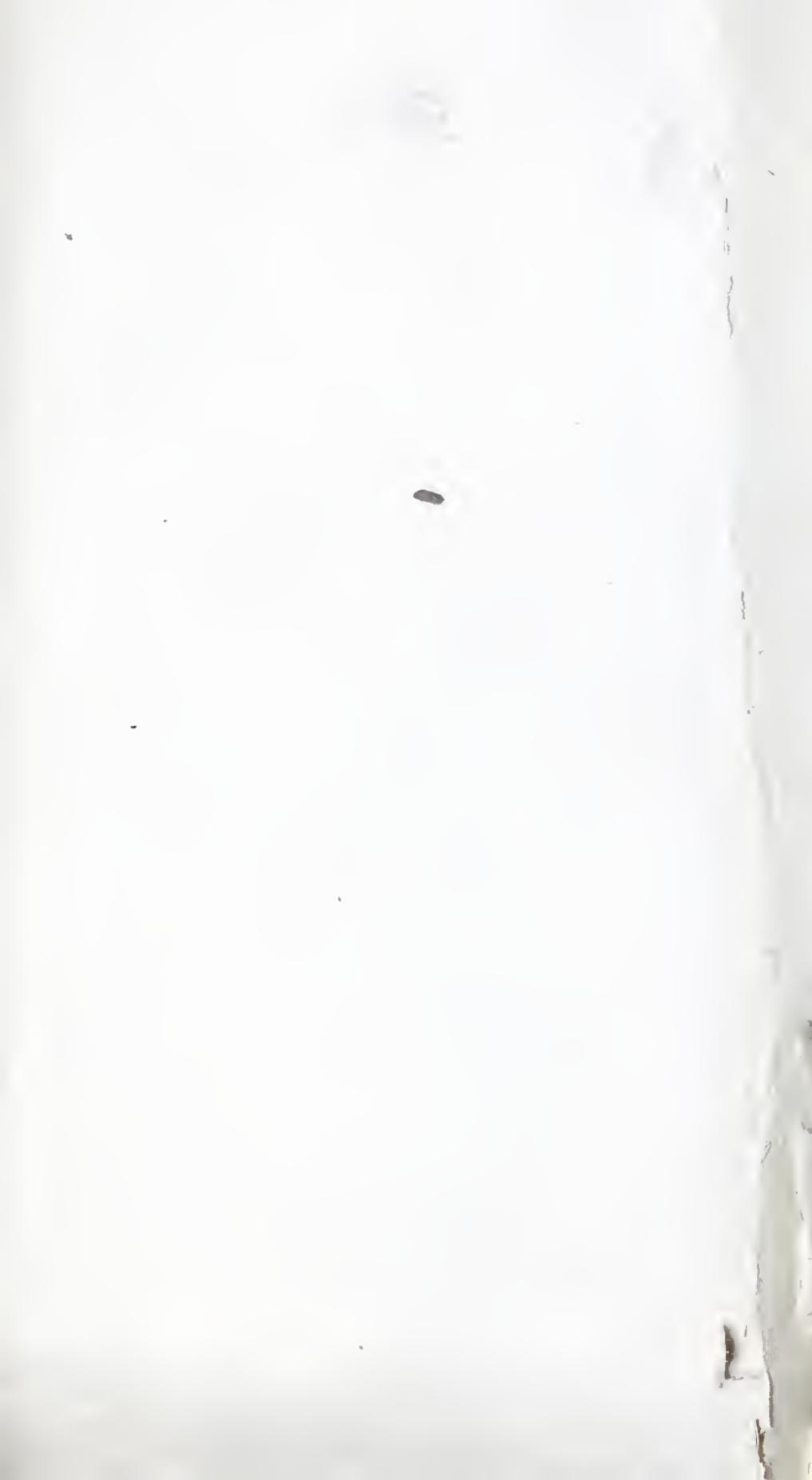
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RECEPTION OF MRS. HAYES.

ON Wednesday, April 24, 1878, his Excellency Rutherford B. Hayes, President of the United States, and Mrs. Hayes; Miss Platt, the President's niece; John Sherman, Secretary of the Treasury, and Mrs. Sherman; General Devens, Attorney General; Carl Schurz, Secretary of the Interior; and Miss Evarts, daughter of Wm. M. Evarts, Secretary of State, arrived in Philadelphia for a visit of several days, during which they were handsomely entertained by committees of the Commercial Exchange, Union League and Industrial League of America, and the ladies of the party were specially entertained by a committee of Philadelphia ladies.

The festivities consisted of receptions at the Union League and Commercial Exchange, an excursion on the Delaware on board the steamer Columbia, a visit by the

men of the party to the principal

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manufacturing and industrial establishments of the city, and a tour through the Lehigh Valley coal and iron region.

On Thursday, April 25, while the President and the gentlemen of his party were at the U. S. Mint, Messrs. George H. Stuart, A. J. Drexel, B. B. Comegys, and George W. Childs called on Mrs. Hayes at the Continental Hotel, and accompanied her and the friends who were with her to the private office of Mr. Childs, in the Ledger Building. The party consisted of Mrs. Hayes, Governor and Mrs. Hartranft, Mrs. Secretary Sherman, Miss Evarts, Miss Platt, and Webb C. Hayes, son of the President. They passed an hour in conversation and in examining the numerous rare works of art and articles of virtu which adorn the apartments. The magnificent presents received by General Grant from various governments, corporations, and officials during his European travels, and which were in the custody of Mr. Childs, were also shown the visitors, and were examined with much interest. Upon their departure, each of the ladies was presented by Mr. Childs with a cup and saucer of Royal Worcester and Wedgewood porcelain as a memento of the visit.

Friday, April 26, was the day selected for the entertainment of the ladies of the Presidential party by a Committee of Reception consisting of the following Philadelphia ladies:—

Mrs. Joshua L. Hallowell, Mrs. Aubrey H. Smith, Mrs. Richard L. Ashurst, Miss McHenry, Mrs. Richard P. White, Mrs. George W. Childs, Mrs. George G. Meade, Mrs. Joshua Lippincott, Mrs. Henry C. Gibson, Mrs. Robert Harford Hare, Mrs. George R. Justice, Jr., Mrs. Samuel Welsh, Jr., Mrs. Joel J. Baily, Mrs. Henry E. Drayton, Mrs. Edward Coleman, Mrs. Frederick Fraley, Mrs. Richard M. Cadwalader, Mrs. Owen Jones Wister, Mrs. Morton McMichael, Jr., Mrs. Henry M. Steel, Mrs. Chapman Biddle, Mrs. Thomas A. Scott, Mrs. Alexander Brown, Mrs. Matthew Simpson, Mrs. James C. Fisher, Miss Louise E. Claghorn, Mrs. Louis C. Norris, Mrs. Henry C. Townsend, Mrs. Henry D. Welsh, Mrs. Jos. Wharton, Mrs. Coleman Sellers, Mrs. J. W. Lynde, Mrs. W. W. Justice, Mrs. Amos R. Little, Miss Coles, Miss Meredith, Miss Frazer, Miss Edith Wright, Mrs. George Cadwalader, Mrs. Walter McMichael, Mrs. Charles Henry Hart, Mrs. Henry Lewis,

Mrs. G. Craig Heberton, Mrs. A. J. Drexel, Mrs. F. A. Diek, Mrs. John G. Johnson, Mrs. Geo. Whitney, Mrs. J. Peter Lesley, Mrs. F. M. Brooke, Mrs. S. B. F. Greble, Mrs. Enoeh Lewis, Mrs. Charles J. Stillé, Miss Emily Sartain, Mrs. C. Stuart Patterson, Mrs. Christopher Grant Perry, Mrs. Henry Cohen, Mrs. E. W. Hutter, Miss Laura T. Merriek, Mrs. Charles H. Caldwell, Mrs. Henry Wharton.

The sub-committees of the Committee of Reception were:—

Committee of Arrangements—Mrs. Joshua Lippineott, Chairman; Miss Claghorn, Mrs. Alexander Brown, Mrs. Louis C. Norris, Miss MeHenry, Mrs. Amos R. Little, Mrs. George W. Childs, Mrs. Thomas A. Seott, Mrs. Chapman Biddle, Mrs. Riehard M. Cadwalader, Mrs. F. M. Brooke.

Committee on Invitations—Mrs. Aubrey H. Smith, Chairman; Mrs. Joel J. Baily, Mrs. Henry C. Townsend, Miss Frazer, Miss Meredith, Miss Edith Wright, Mrs. S. B. F. Greble, Mrs. C. H. Caldwell.

Committee for the Day—Miss MeHenry, Chairman; Mrs. Joshua Lippineott, Mrs. Riehard L. Ashhurst, Mrs. Riehard P. White, Miss Claghorn, Mrs. Henry C. Gib-

son, Mrs. Matthew Simpson, Miss Coles, Miss Meredith, Mrs. James C. Fisher, Mrs. Richard M. Cadwalader, Mrs. Aubrey H. Smith, Mrs. Henry M. Steel, Mrs. S. B. F. Greble, Mrs. F. M. Brooke.

On the day mentioned, while the President was being shown through the manufacturing and other industrial establishments of Philadelphia, the ladies of his party, under the care of the committee of Philadelphia ladies, were taken to see several of the public institutions which depend almost entirely on women for their support and management, or in which the women of the city take special interest.

These were the Normal School, the Northern Home and Soldiers' Orphans' Institute, Girard College, the Women's Medical College and Hospital, the Educational Home, and the School of Design for Women. All these institutions were visited in the time between 10 o'clock in the morning and 2 o'clock in the afternoon. A regular route and time schedule had been prepared, and was strictly adhered to, the ladies all being punctually on hand at the Continental Hotel in the morning, and the carriages arriving at each institution precisely at the time fixed upon.

The party consisted of Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Secretary Sherman, Miss Platt, niece of President Hayes, with the following ladies of the Committee: Mrs. Joshua L. Hallowell, Mrs. Joshua Lippincott, Miss Mary McHenry, Miss Louise Claghorn, Mrs. Bishop Simpson, Mrs. Caroline E. White, Mrs. Aubrey H. Smith, Mrs. Richard Cadwalader, Miss Meredith, Miss Coles, Mrs. S. B. F. Greble, Mrs. Brooke, Mrs. Snowden, Mrs. J. C. Fisher, and Mrs. Richard L. Ashhurst.

THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

Promptly at 10 o'clock the party left the Continental Hotel in carriages, and drove directly to the new Normal School, at Seventeenth and Spring Garden streets, arriving there at a quarter after ten o'clock. At the school they were received in the Principal's room by Mr. George W. Fetter, Principal of the school; Mr. C. Everest, the Professor of Music; Mr. James Long, President of the Board of Education; Mr. Simon Gratz, Chairman of the Committee on Normal School; and Messrs. Campbell, Hutchinson, Green, Nichols, and Steel, members of the Board of Education. These gentlemen were all presented to the ladies of the Presidential

party, after which the teachers of the school came in, and were each personally introduced.

The visitors then were taken up stairs to the large assembly room, where all the pupils were already assembled. The guests were provided with seats on the platform, the pupils remaining standing for the time. Mr. Simon Gratz then stepped forward and said: "Young ladies, allow me to present to you Mrs. Hayes, wife of the President of the United States." The pupils all bowed, and Mrs. Hayes acknowledged the courtesy by a bow and a smile.

The pupils were then seated, and recited in chorus the XXIVth Psalm, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof." After which the hymn, "Holy Spirit, Love Divine," was sung as a three-part choral to music by Von Weber. A recitation, "Kentucky Belle," was then given in fine style by Miss Florence McKinley, after which Abt's song, "Joys of Spring," was sung. At this point Miss May Campbell, one of the pupils, stepped forward, and in a few modest words welcomed Mrs. Hayes to the school, and presented her, on behalf of the pupils, with a large and elegant basket of flowers.

At Mrs. Hayes' request, Mr. Gratz thanked the young ladies for their gift, and the exercises were brought to a close by Miss A. Vernor Rose, who gave a humorous recitation entitled "John and Tibbie's Complaint," which caused much merriment.

THE NORTHERN HOME.

The party then resumed their carriages and were driven to the Northern Home for Friendless Children and Soldiers' Orphans' Institute, at the corner of Twenty-third and Brown streets. Here the cadets of the Soldiers' Orphans Institute, with their own band, were drawn up on either side of the entrance, and as the visitors entered the building they presented arms and the band played "Hail to the Chief." In the parlor of the Home the ladies were received by Mrs. E. W. Hutter, President of the Institution, and Mr. Macgregor J. Mitcheson, President Board of Trustees. As time was pressing, the introductions were cut short, and the party proceeded to the chapel, where Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Sherman, and as many others as could be were given seats on the platform. The chapel was filled with the children of the institution. A duet was sung by two young

girls, after which Mrs. Hayes was introduced to the children, who expressed their delight by waving their handkerchiefs.

The following ode, written for the occasion, was sung by the children, and quite a startling and pleasant effect was produced by the sudden appearance during the chorus of small American flags, which had been kept previously hidden, in the hands of each child, and the vigorous waving of them in time to the music.

Hail to thee, Chief of our glorious land,
 Proudly and joyfully round thee we stand,
 Honor and praise ! President Hayes,
 Chief of the land of the free !
 War and contention are over and past,
 Peace and fraternity bless us at last,
 'Twas in thy name harmony came.

Hail to thee, Chief of the free !

CHORUS :

May peace and plenty still follow thy sway,
 Heaven's richest blessings attend all thy way,
 Prosperity and sweet liberty
 Crown thee, the Chief of the free.

Our fathers died that the Union might live ;
 Honor to them and their comrades we give ;
 Thy arm was strong, then, 'gainst the wrong,
 Valiant and true for the right.

Now in forgiveness and friendship they stand
 Comrades ; the blue and the gray hand in hand.
 Thus, thus forever, God grant it may be

In this dear land of the free.

After the singing little Miss Leona Bader, apparently about ten years old, stepped to the front and presented Mrs. Hayes with a bouquet of flowers, at the same time reciting the following verses, written for the occasion by Miss Rachel Walk, teacher of the Kindergarten attached to the Home:—

Dear Mrs. Hayes, in the long-ago days,
When Washington ruled in the land,
Garlands of flowers, from sunny bowers,
Were strewn by children's hands.

But the fairest sight, those old times bright,
Was Martha, his faithful wife,
Who, at Valley Forge, in camp and by gorge,
Ever watched his trials in life.

She was the soldiers' friend, and her presence
did lend
A joy where'er she was seen;
They loved the true mate of their chieftain great
As an angel of mercy serene.

In these later times, when peace rings its chimes
All over our happy land,
For President Hayes and his wife we speak
praise,
And give flowers with a childish hand.

Accept, we pray, these garlands to-day,
A tribute the soldiers' orphan pays
To the General's wife, to the Governor's life,
And to Mrs. President Hayes.

Mrs. Hayes received the flowers with a gracious smile and kissed the little giver;

three other young misses then presented similar bouquets to Mrs. Sherman, Miss Platt, and Mrs. Hallowell, and while the children were singing a hymn the visitors withdrew, again took seats in their carriages, and started for Girard College and the Women's Medical College.

GIRARD COLLEGE.

Girard College was approached by the way of Corinthian avenue, thus giving the visitors a fine view of the main building. Entering by the south gate the line of carriages was driven first past the main building, in front of which the Girard College Cadets, under Captain John W. Ryan, with their full band, were drawn up in battalion formation at "present arms." Without stopping, the carriages proceeded to drive around the grounds, the inmates, to the number of several hundred, being drawn up alongside the drives and in front of their dormitory buildings.

As the carriages containing the ladies passed, the boys lifted their caps, and the courtesy was acknowledged by the ladies by bowing. After making the complete circuit

of the grounds, the carriages passed out at the south gate, halting long enough to allow Mr. James L. Claghorn to present President Allen and Vice-President Arey to Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Sherman, and also to witness a short drill by the boys.

THE WOMAN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE AND THE
TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES OF THE
WOMAN'S HOSPITAL.

The next institution visited was the Woman's Medical College on North College avenue, just north of Girard College. At the Medical College, Mr. Edward Lewis, for the corporators, and Prof. Rachel L. Bodley, A. M., Dean of the Faculty (a former schoolmate of Mrs. Hayes), received the visitors in the hall of the College and introduced them to the other members of the faculty and to the corporators, nearly all of whom were present to do honor to the guests. Here, as elsewhere, no time was to be lost, and the ladies at once made a tour through the class rooms and laboratories, where the students, about sixty in number, were seen at work. Afterward the students and alumni assembled in the lecture room, where Mrs. Her-

was introduced by Prof. Bodley in the following address:—

“Mrs. President: I take pride in presenting to you the students and alumnae of our college, who stand immediately before you. Your visit affords us each personally great pleasure, but still greater pleasure received as an expression of the interest you feel in the higher education of women.

“The problem of the professional education of women is being wrought out successfully in our commodious college building, which you have just inspected, and in the adjacent hospital, and we rejoice that you and the distinguished ladies of your party are witnesses of to-day. Again bidding you a cordial welcome, I present to this assemblage Mrs. President Hayes.”

There was an enthusiastic clapping of hands by the students and others present, after which the party went at once to the Woman's Hospital and Dispensary, in whose wards about forty women and children are now receiving medical and surgical treatment. Here Mrs. Hallowell, Miss Jeanes, Mrs. Greble, Miss Mary Anna Longstreth and other managers, with the Resident physician, Dr. Anna E. Broomall, led the

visitors through the Dispensary, the Diet Kitchen and the fine new wing of the Maternity Wards. The nurses of the Training School, in their neat dresses and muslin caps, were posted at the bedsides of the patients, and as a hurried tour of the wards was made, Mrs. Hayes had a bright smile and a kind word for all the sufferers.

THE EDUCATIONAL HOME.

From the Woman's Hospital the party were driven rapidly out Girard avenue across the bridge to West Philadelphia, past the east end of the Permanent Exhibition building, along Fortieth street to Woodland avenue, and thence to the Educational Home at Forty-ninth street and Greenway avenue. Miss Mary McHenry, Mrs. Franklin A. Dick, the directresses, also Mrs. J. Dundas Lippincott, Mrs. S. R. Morgan, Mrs. C. H. Clark, Miss M. C. Coxe, and other managers, assisted by Messrs. Walter Allison, J. G. Rosengarten, and F. A. Dick, here took the party in charge. The boys of the Home, to the number of 183, were drawn up in line on either side of the long main hall, and the visitors entered passing

tween the lines to the beautiful chapel in the northern end of the building.

Mrs. Hayes was given a chair in front of the chancel rail, and the other ladies were provided with seats in the pews or chairs. The boys then marched in, singing a processional hymn to organ accompaniment. After the singing Master Samuel Evans, twelve years old, arose and presented Mrs. Hayes with a copy of "The History of the Soldiers' Orphans' Schools of Pennsylvania," upon which was a suitable inscription in gilt letters. Master Evans made the following presentation address:—

"Madam: On behalf of my comrades and myself, I beg your acceptance of this small token of remembrance of this occasion. The compliment paid us by a visit from the wife of the Chief Magistrate of our country will linger in our memories when many others of our boyhood's pleasures will be forgotten. Receive the thanks of Pennsylvania's Soldiers' Orphans for the honor done them by this visit, and we trust that should it ever be found necessary, we will, one and all, be as ready to make the same sacrifice to maintain the unity of our nation as our fathers were."

When Master Allen had retired, little James Fisher, who was not large enough for his head to be seen above the pew backs, came forward and presented Mrs. Hayes with a bouquet, which she received with a smile and a kiss. The boys then sang "The Sweet Bye-and-Bye," and afterward filed out of the chapel singing a recessional hymn. The guests then went to the parlor where lemonade and biscuit were served, at the same time witnessing from the windows a drill by the young cadets, after which they again took the carriages, the boys being drawn up in front of the building and cheering for Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Sherman, Miss McHenry, and other members of the party.

THE SCHOOL OF DESIGN.

A sharp drive of less than half an hour brought the ladies to the last institution to be visited, the School of Design for Women, at the corner of Merrick and Filbert streets. It was now nearly two o'clock, at which time the party were to lunch, so but little time was passed in ceremony. Miss Croasdale, the principal of the School, and Mr James L. Claghorn, President of the Board

of Trustees, received the visitors in Miss Croasdale's office, Mr. Claghorn addressing them as follows:—

“Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Sherman, Miss Platt, and ladies of the committee: After having visited a few of the many charities of which our city is so full, and indeed redolent with the sweet savor of their doings, we are glad to welcome you at the Philadelphia School of Design for Women, which is not the least among them. This was founded by Mrs. Sarah Peter, wife of the then British Consul in this city, in 1847. For a brief period it was under the management of the Franklin Institute, and on their relinquishing its control it was incorporated in 1853, under a board of directors, of which a number still retain their connection. Most of the others have passed into eternity. Our present school, and its nearly two hundred young ladies, are under the teaching and care of Miss Elizabeth Croasdale.

“Allow me to introduce the Principal, Miss Croasdale, who will conduct you through the school rooms.”

After Mr. Claghorn had finished speaking, the ladies were escorted through the school, visiting all the departments, and seeing the

pupils at work drawing, painting, modelling, and designing. Mrs. Hayes was very much interested, and took frequent opportunities to speak words of praise and encouragement to individual students as she passed through the rooms.

This closed the tour arranged for the ladies, and after they had finished their inspection of the school the entire party were driven to the elegant residence of Mr. Henry C. Gibson, on Walnut street, above Sixteenth, where, as guests of Mrs. Gibson, they, together with other ladies, about one hundred in number, enjoyed a sumptuous lunch, after which the ladies of the Presidential party returned to the Continental Hotel, where those of the Committee left them to rest from their fatigue, and prepare for the reception at the Academy of Fine Arts in the evening.

THE LADIES' RECEPTION AT THE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS.

The visit of President and Mrs. Hayes to the Quaker City found a fitting termination in the superb entertainment which took place at the Academy of Fine Arts on Friday evening. The reception tendered by the

ladies of Philadelphia to the wife of the President was one of the most brilliant, in point of the elegance of its decorations and appointments, as well as in the representative character of those attending it, that has been given in this city since the Centennial year.

THE DECORATIONS.

A wide canvas awning stretched from the Academy steps to the curbstone, and from the carriage steps into the hall was a carpeted passage-way. All the ante-rooms on the ground floor were thrown open, those on the right side of the corridor being reserved for coat rooms, etc. The large stairway leading up to the galleries was ablaze with light. On each side, leading up to the first landing, were placed plants and flowers of every description, brought from the extensive greenhouses of Mr. Hugh Graham, the well-known florist, and arranged under his direction. Almost from the first step in the ascent of the stairway the fragrance of the myriads of flowers delighted the senses, and as the guests proceeded the shrubbery and flowers became more dense. The continuation of the straight staircase leading up to

the centre corridor was blocked off by a mass of evergreens, dotted here and there with bright colored flowers.

Roofed by the overhanging boughs of the palm trees, and niched among fragrant columns of flowers, on a high pedestal, was a marble bust of Benjamin Franklin. Stretching from this down to the walls of the landing, and then gracefully draped up again around the balustrade and balcony, were wreaths of evergreens and flower dotted braids of smilax. Ascending to the main floor each person had to turn right about, and then another lovely picture burst on the view. The steps were a lane bordered by flowers. All along the railing were twined evergreen cords and cut flowers, capped at every other step with some exquisite floral design.

During the entire evening a number of the guests were collected at the head of the stairway gazing at the scene through which they had just passed. Having ascended to the main floor, many persons lingered for a while to notice the elaborate floral decorations of this hallway before joining the current that moved through the brilliantly lighted northern galleries to the large north-

west room, where Mrs. Hayes was receiving the guests. From every side the view was a dazzling one. The long corridor, which extends through the centre of the building to the western end, was converted into a palm grove, the long-pointed, drooping leaves throwing fantastic shadows from the lights overhead upon the mosaic pavement. The ladies, in their handsome evening dresses, the military and naval guests, in their gilt-braided uniforms, and the gentlemen of the different military organizations present, lent a brilliancy to the scene, which was one rarely surpassed.

Joining the moving throng that surged towards room F, where Mrs. Hayes was receiving, another scene of beauty met the eye. Far off, at the extreme end of the narrow lane that runs through the galleries, could be seen the flowers and plants that adorned that apartment. As one advanced closer and closer the small focus of brilliancy expanded into a perfection of beauty. This room seemed the climax and concentration of what had preceded. Rarely are seen more elaborate decorations than those in the gallery where Mrs. Hayes, with her smiling face and genial manner, received the ladies

of Philadelphia. At the further end of the room a background was formed by palm trees, shrubs and rare Australian ferns, with a canopy of delicate flowers, under which the ladies of the party stood.

At the base of the large plants were ranged masses of evergreens, azaleas, lilies, and *kalmia latifolia*. On each side of the semi-circle formed by the trees, were two pedestals, on which rested a high pyramid of flowers. On the capital of the Corinthian column was placed a large and handsome rosette of cut flowers. Surmounting all was a beautiful canopy, in the shape of a crown, formed of Marshal Niel rosebuds, lilies of the valley, and orchids. A plaque, inscribed, "Souvenir of Philadelphia," and bearing an excellent portrait of President Hayes, hung from the centre of the crossbar. The plaque was presented by the ladies of the committee during the evening to Mrs. Hayes, on behalf of the artists, Messieurs Camile Piton and Victor Nehlig, of the School of Design, at Tenth and Walnut streets.

A string orchestra, under the ~~le~~ decoration of Carl Sennz, was stationed in the ~~the~~ curve of the semicircle of plants, and Carl brilliantly First Regiment Military Band was ~~pe~~ north

the head of the stairs in the front of the building.

The room in which his Excellency, President Hayes, received and shook hands with the immense multitude was also appropriately decorated, though not so elaborately as the other room. A similar covering of palm leaves and ferns marked the spot whereon the President stood, the base of which was alternated by flowers of every conceivable hue and fragrance. The centre piece of the room was also surrounded by rich masses of flowers.

In addition to the elegant floral decorations above described, it must be remembered that the Spring Exhibition of the Academy of the Fine Arts was in progress, and the walls of all the saloons were covered with paintings richly framed, which formed in themselves a magnificent and most effective background.

THE FESTIVITIES OPENED.

The street in front of the Academy was filled with people before eight o'clock, when the bell was rung for the beginning of the ceremony which had arrived. Between seven and

composing the Committee began to roll up to the door. Following them came the ushers, selected from the young men of the city.

At a little before eight Mrs. Hayes arrived and was escorted to room F, on the second floor, the decorations of which have been already described. The ladies of the committee, who were here assembled, formed in the shape of a semicircle, having for a background the alcove before described, with its beautiful decoration. Mrs. Hayes stood in the centre of the group and was supported on her left by Mrs. Joshua L. Hallowell and Mrs. Aubrey H. Smith, and on her right by Mrs. Richard L. Ashhurst and Mrs. Joshua Lippincott. Still further to the right stood Mrs. Secretary Sherman and Mrs. Governor Hartranft, and next to them were Miss McHenry and Mrs. Richard P. White, Mrs. Chapman Biddle, Mrs. Richard M. Cadwalader, Mrs. Alexander Brown, Miss Louise E. Claghorn, Mrs. Henry C. Gibson, Mrs. Louis C. Norris. On either side of the above-mentioned ladies, who formed the central figures, were grouped the other members of the Ladies' Committee and a number of young ladies.

Following close upon the arrival of the Ladies' Committee came carriages bearing the guests to the entertainment. The people on the street had increased in numbers, and the arriving guests passed through a crowd of curious faces. The carriages were formed in line, which at times extended for several squares, and by a quarter past eight the current of guests began pouring steadily into the Academy. As the guests arrived they were ushered into the cloak rooms, and then, after disrobing, were directed to the second floor.

Proceeding through the suite of rooms on the north side of the Academy, the visitors made their way to the room where Mrs. Hayes was receiving. As they passed around toward the centre of the semicircle formed by the ladies of the Committee, the guests gave their names to Mrs. Smith, who repeated them to Mrs. Hallowell, who in turn presented the persons named to Mrs. Hayes. After the presentation was over the guests passed on to the right, and gave their names to Mrs. Ashhurst, who repeated them to Mrs. Lippincott. Upon the latter lady devolved the duty of presenting the visitors to Mrs. Secretary Sherman.

Passing out through the large doorway into the main hall, the guests scattered themselves among the half-dozen rooms on the south side of the building. By half past eight the line of visitors, desirous of being presented to Mrs. Hayes, extended all the way from room F to Broad and Arch streets, and at times was almost stationary. Ushers posted at all the doors, however, facilitated progress and kept good order. After passing out of room F, the guests were prevented from re-entering it except by going back to the tail of the line. The result of this was to avoid all undue crowding in the room devoted to the reception proper.

At nine o'clock President Hayes, who had been accompanied from his hotel by James A. Wright, Joel J. Baily, and Amos R. Little, drove up to the building. He was received at the door by Messrs. A. J. Drexel and George W. Childs, who had been appointed by the ladies of the Reception for that purpose. They were joined by Governor Hartranft and staff, Attorney-General Devens, and a number of other gentlemen.

The President and Mr. E. T. Steel headed the party. They were followed by Governor Hartranft and Mr. Drexel, and Mr.

Childs and Attorney-General Devens. Following them came the members of Governor Hartranft's staff, Webb C. Hayes, Burchard Hayes, Mr. Platt, A. R. Little, E. Dunbar Lockwood, and the other members of the party. When room F was reached, the President and those with him were greeted with great applause. After paying their respects to the ladies they passed out in the order named. President Hayes, Governor Hartranft, A. J. Drexel, James L. Claghorn, George W. Childs, and Attorney-General Devens then went into the centre room on the south side of the building, where, in the spot heretofore described, President Hayes held an informal reception, about twenty-five hundred ladies and gentlemen being presented to him by Mr. Childs.

President Hayes afterwards made the tour of the rooms, escorting Mrs. Joshua Lippincott, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements of the Hall, followed by Mr. Joshua Lippincott and Mrs. Governor Hartranft, and at about eleven o'clock the reception in room F broke up, Mrs. Hayes, in company with Mrs. Hallowell, making a tour of the building. By this time the guests had begun to depart, and by half-past eleven,

at which time the Presidential party and the members of the Ladies' Committee retired to partake of a banquet served in the large room in the rear of the first floor of the building, the majority of the guests had departed, whilst the others were engaged in seeking their wraps or in hunting up their carriages.

The entire Ladies' Committee of Reception were on duty during the evening from eight to eleven o'clock, and were assisted by the following gentlemen ushers: Mr. Edward T. Steel, chairman; Messrs. Francis Rawle, J. R. Claghorn, Dr. Richard A. Cleeman, Messrs. Weidersheim, C. Biddle, Alexander Meigs, F. W. Brock, Jos. G. Rosengarten, G. Hazlehurst, W. W. Weigley, Frank Fritz, Evans Dick, J. C. McHenry, Harrison Townsend, W. Brooke, Alfred F. Moore, Lincoln Eyre, C. Wetherill, Jr., H. L. Geyelin, Wm. M. Baugh, W. Eyre, Lewis Waln Smith, James Magee, Thomas S. Harrison, Albert Wetherill, John W. Hoffman, Frederick F. Hallowell, Coleman Sellers, Jr., Howard Gibson, Edward Law, William Howell, G. Heide Norris.